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## **Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Inc.**

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Honorable Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Judiciary Committee,  
My name is Virginia Benedetto from Stratford, and I am the Technology Coordinator and a founding member of the Connecticut Citizens Defense League, a 2nd Amendment Rights Organization in our State.

I am testifying to: **OPPOSE**  
**S.B. 1094 "An Act Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines"**

While I understand the intentions of this bill is to reduce casualties in tragic shootings, like what recently happened in Tucson, I do not believe this bill will serve it's purpose, and only impose yet another restriction on regular gun-owning citizens. The shooter in the Tucson, AZ tragedy was tackled while trying to change one empty 'high capacity' magazine to another full one, and thankfully he was stopped before he was able to harm anyone else. The flawed logic with this type of bill is that it is impossible to legislate behavior on people that have no regard for the laws. An example where this bill would have had no effect is the Columbine school shooting. One of the shooters at Columbine had 13 10-round magazines. This shooter had 130 rounds, and he fired 96. He fired almost twice as many shots as his partner that was carrying magazines that held more than 20, 30, and 50 rounds each.

No such bill will ensure that someone determined to cause harm to others will stop them. A person with experience can change magazines in a matter of seconds, no matter whether they hold 5, 8, 10, 20, or even more rounds. Also, other states still allow these magazines, so someone would still be able to obtain the magazine. Even if all states were to impose a similar limit, any person with the proper skills could fabricate a high capacity magazine using parts from other magazines or even from sheet metal or other objects if crafty enough. Short of obtaining or crafting their own magazine, if a person is intent on doing harm to a multitude of people, they could carry multiple magazines, such as the one Columbine shooter, or even carry multiple firearms, as the Virginia Tech shooter, and other shooters of massacres in our country's history have done. **In these situations, with these people, no amount of restrictions or legislation will stop them!** As horrible as these tragedies are, legislation will not prevent them.

This bill will impose yet another restriction on the law abiding, tax paying citizens in our beautiful state. The citizens that obtain their carry permits so they are able to protect themselves and their families. The citizens that obtain their firearms legally, and follow the laws and file the proper paperwork. The citizens that go to the range and practice their skills to ensure in the event they ever had to use this tool for protection, they are ready.

Please, vote NO on SB1094.

Thank you.

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**Every citizen has a right  
to bear arms in defense  
of himself and the state.**

Connecticut State Constitution, Article First, Section 15